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Closing Prayer
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Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

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Bryan Davis

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Rickey Loveless & Brandon Dees

Wednesday Night Song Leader
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January 4, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 86
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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"I HAVE MADE PEACE WITH GOD"
Mark Lindley

There is nothing more important in life than having peace with God. There can be no assurance of salvation or hope of heaven without having peace with God. Therefore, we should all desire to have peace with our Maker. But how can we have such peace? The basic answer to the question is that peace comes by receiving the forgiveness of sins. Sin brings disturbance and causes discord between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As long as one remains in sin, there can be no fellowship or peace with God.

Occasionally, a person who has shown little or no interest in spiritual things might make the statement: "I have made my peace with God." The Bible teaches that the Lord will be the final judge on the Day of Judgment.

Only the Lord qualifies to judge and to determine the ultimate destiny of souls. However, it is not being judgmental or self-righteous to affirm that one has no peace with God until one has obeyed the Gospel and been forgiven. Simply claiming to have "made peace with God" does not make it so, unless the one who makes that statement has submitted to the Gospel of Christ.

Consider what Paul wrote about peace with God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peace comes when one is "justified by faith." But when does that occur? When does faith justify? In the next chapter of Romans (chapter 6), the answer is given: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). Notice that the Christians in Rome to whom Paul wrote were "made free from sin" when they "obeyed" the Gospel. Earlier in Romans chapter 6, Paul states that the Romans had been baptized into Christ, and had been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). This is when and how one can know that he or she truly has made peace with God. When one's faith leads one to repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, then one has a scriptural reason for claiming to have peace with God. Nevertheless, apart from obedience to the Gospel, claiming to have peace with God is to make an unscriptural statement. May we all search the scriptures and our lives to be sure we have made peace with God.

THE APOSTLES—LESSONS LEARNED

James Pilgrim

There are many lessons to be gleamed from a study of the apostles, fourteen in number when one counts the one who took the place of Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:15-26), and he who became an apostle “born out of due time.” (1 Corinthians 15:8, 9).

One lesson learned is that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3: 9-31, especially verses 9, 10, 23). This is seen even in the lives of the apostles. John wrote a letter to appeal to people not to sin, but lets the reader know that “we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins” when we do. (1 John 2: 1, 2).

Peter denied knowing and being with Jesus three times, lying and cursing. (Matthew 26:69-75; 33-35). Even an apostle of Jesus can sin. However, Peter “went out and wept bitterly.” (Matthew 26:75). He availed himself of the advocate and propitiation for our sins. (1 John 2:1, 2). God forgave Peter, and He used him on Pentecost (Acts 2), to write two epistles (1 and 2 Peter), and more. (Acts 3:1ff; 4:1ff; 5:1ff; 6:6; etc.).

Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead, even though he had been with Jesus; he was looking for the resurrection, even though it had already come. (John 20:24-30). He demanded evidence to believe. (Verses 25-29). When Thomas saw the evidence, he said, “My Lord and my God.” (Verse 28). All today should demand the evidence, and having seen it, confess the same thing. Cf. also. Acts 8:36-39.

The men chosen to be apostles (1) followed Jesus, (2) immediately, (3) leaving anything behind that might hinder them, (4) not asking what was in it for them, (5) not seeking attention, (6) continuing to follow Jesus in the face of persecutions, and so much more.

However, “Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon,” “who also betrayed him,” and later, “when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself” (?), brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood....” (Matthew 27:3, 4). When they refused the money, Judas Iscariot “cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.” (Verses 4, 5). He went “to his own place.” (Acts 1:25, 26). Genuine repentance is defined in 2 Corinthians 7:10,11; Jeremiah 7:1-7). Judas Iscariot’s actions are significantly different to this.

A look at the word of God as it pictures the apostles shows them to be faithful, active, busy in the Lord’s service. They were not always sinless, but they were faithful, repenting of sins when they were guilty of such.

Read the scriptures pertaining to the apostles, and follow them as they followed the Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1). Jesus said, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10; Mark 13:13).

Thoughts on Threescore and Ten

By Joe Slater

“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10, KJV).

I reached my threescore and ten a few days ago. That milestone gives me pause to reflect a bit. By God’s grace I’m in fairly decent health, so look out, fourscore, here I come!

When Moses wrote that Psalm, he was already well above eighty years old. He would survive to 120! But he had lived through some frightfully difficult times as he led the Israelites through the wilderness. Their persistent rebellion had brought God’s wrath down upon them again and again! Multitudes had died before their time. The average human life span would continue to plummet for a good while.

My own life has been far less turbulent, though not without its trials. I’ve been blessed to do the work I love for over 46 years. I’m not naïve enough to think I have 46 more to continue working! If I’m to accomplish anything for the Lord, the time is now. Then again, that has always been the case.

Only one life
Twill soon be past
Only what’s done
For Christ will last (C. T. Studd)

Faith, family, and friends surpass all else in importance. I’ve always “known” that, but every passing year makes it clearer. I hope that’s true for you as well.

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Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

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❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Juan Stroupe, Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

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